Payment of royalty to States

2391. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government has taken over mineral resrouces of States like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Orissa etc.

(b) whether Government has received requests from these States for payment of ad valorem royalty and if so, action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government have revised the coal royalties after 1994; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposals from coal producing states including Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar were received for revision of rate of royalty on coal on ad valorem basis. A Study Group constituted by the Government to look into the issue of revision of rate of royalty considered the requests of the these State Governments as well as the views of other State Governments and coal consuming organisations who expressed themselves in favour of fixation of royalty on coal on tonnage basis. The said Study Group recommended revision of royalty rates on tonnage basis. The Central Government, while accepting the recommendation of the Study Group, revised royalty rates on different grades of coal which were notified in the Government Gazette on 16.8.2002.

(d) Question does not arise.

Measures to check bird hits around IAF bases

2392. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a plan for cleaning environment in the cities having Indian Air Force bases to reduce the loss of aircraft due to bird hits; and